

impression of the place to those I had been carrying for more than a generation. Quantitatively there were plenty of new impressions to be had; impressions of new roofs, gardens, columns, houses, temples, walls, frescoes; but qualitatively the Greater Pompeii was now not different from the lesser which I remembered so well.

This at least was what I said to myself on the ground and afterward in the National Museum at Naples, where most of the precious Pompeian things, new and old, are heaped up. They still make but a poor show there beside the treasures of Herculaneum, where the excavation of few streets and houses has yielded costlier and lovelier things than all the lengths and breadths of Pompeii. But not for this would I turn against Pompeii at the last moment, as it were, though my second visit had not aesthetically enriched me beyond my first. I keep the vision of it under that gray January sky, with Vesuvius smokeless in the background, and the plan of the dead city, open to the eye than ever it could have been in life, inscribed upon the broadly opened area of the gentle slopes within its gates. Whether one had not better have known it dead than alive, one might not wish perhaps to say; but the place itself is curiously without pathos; Newport in ruins might not be touching; possibly all skeletons or even mummies are without pathos, and Pompeii is a skeleton, or at the most a mummy, of the past. Seeing what antiquity so largely was, however, one might be not only resigned but cheerful in the effacement of any particular piece of it; and for a help to this at Pompeii I may advise the reader to take with him a certain little guide book written in English by a very courteous Italian, which I chanced to find in Naples. Though it treats of the tragical facts with seriousness, it is not with equal gravity that one reads that sixteen years before the Vesuvian eruption "the region had been shaken by strong seismic movements, which induced Pompeii inhabitants to forsake precipitately their habitations. But being the amusements up, they got one's home again as soon as the earth was quiet and all fear and sadness went off by memory." Signs of the final disaster to follow were not wanting; the walls failed, the watercourses were crossed by currents of carbonic acid; "the domestic animals were also very sensible of the approaching of the scourge; they lost the habitual vivacity, and having the food in disgust, had from time to time to complain with mournful wallings, without justified reasons."

The sky became of a thick darkness . . . interrupted only by flashes of light which the lava river, beating by the bloody gliding of the thunderbolts, by the incandescence of enormous projectiles, thrown to an incalculable height. . . . Death surprised the charming town; houses and streets became the tombs of the unhappy hit by an atrocious torture.

The author's study of the life of Pompeii is not less notable for diction which, if there were logic in language, would be admirable English, for while still in his mind it must have been "very choice Italian." He tells us that "Pompeii's dwellings are surprising by their special little-ness," and explains that "Pompeii inhabitants, for the habitues of the climate could allow, lived almost always to the open sky," just as Naples inhabitants do now. "They got home only to rest a little, to fulfill life wants, to be protected by bad weather. They spent much time during the day in forum, temples, theatres, tennis-court, or intervened to public oratory, religious functions and meetings. . . . Few houses only had windows. The sunlight and ventilation to the ancients was given through empty spaces in the roofs Roofs knocked out by the weight of materials thrown out by Vesuvius; it is undoubted, however, that roofs were provided with covers or supported terraces. In the middle of the roofs was out an overture through which air and light brought their benefits to the underland ambients."

Proprietor disposed the localities according to his own delight. . . . So that, there were beds, bath, dining, talking and game rooms. . . . In the center, the ground was garden, the area shared in flower beds, had narrow paths; herbs, flowers, shrubs were put with art well in order on flower beds, delighted from time to time by statues of various subjects, as may be noted in the actual restorations of some of the Pompeian houses. As for their spiritual life, "Pompeians" religion, like by Roman people, was the Paganism, Deities were worshipped in the temples with prayers, sacrifices, vows, and festivities. . . . Banquets to the Deity were joined to prayers. In fact, dining tables were dressed near the altars, and all around them on dining beds, triclinarii, placed divinities statues as these were assembled to account to the joyous banquet. . . . Auspices or auguries "gave interpretation to thunders, lightnings, winds, rain crashes, comets, or to bird songs and flights. . . . Horoscopes acquired the divine will on the animal bowels, sacrificed to the altar; they took out further indications by fleeces and bowels flames when burnt on the altar."

An important feature of Pompeian social life was the bath, which "was one of the hospitality duty, and very often required in several religious functions. . . . Large colonial edifices were quite furnished with all the necessary for care and sport. Besides localities for all kind of bath—cold, warm, steam bath—didn't want the baths, alleys and porticoes in order to walk; lists rings for gymnastic exercises, conversation and reading rooms, localities for theatrical representations, swimming stations, localities for scientific discussions, moral and religious teachings. The most splendid art works adorned the ambients."

When we pass to the popular amusements we are presented with the materials of pictures vividly realized in "The Last Days of Pompeii," but somewhat faded since. "In the beginning gladiators' rank was made by condemned to death slaves and war prisoners. Later also thoughtless young men, who had never learned an advantageous trade, became gladiators." In the arena they engaged in sham fights till the spectators demanded blood. Then, "sometimes one provided one's self nets for wrapping up the adversary, who, hit by a trident much, frequently die. When the gladiator was dead, wounded, forsoaking the arm, struck down and stretching the index, asked the people grace of life. The spectators decided up his destiny, turning the thumb to the breast, or toward the ground. The thumb turned toward the ground was the unlucky's death doom, and he had without fail the throat cut off."

Such, dimly but unmistakably seen through our Italian author's well meant and well reasoned English, were the ancient Pompeians; and upon the whole the visitor to their city could not wish them back in it. I preferred even the modern Pompeians who followed us so modestly to the train with bargains in postal cards and coral. They are very alert, these modern Pompeians, to catch the note of national character, and I saw one of them pursuing an elderly American with a spread of hatpins, originally two francs each, and with the appeal, evidently studied from some fair American girl, "Buy it, Poppa! Six francs for one. Oh, Poppa, buy it!" I had again lavished my substance upon

first class tickets, and so had my Utah friend, who expounded his philosophy of travel as we managed to secure a first class carriage. "When I can't go first class in Italy, I'll go home," I promptly and proudly agreed with him, but I concealed my morning's experience of the fact that in Italy you may sometimes go second class when you have paid first.

W. D. HOWE.

BOOKSTAYERS WILL VALID.
Justice O'Gorman Finds Nothing Illegal in Contingent Bequest to Rutgers.

Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court handed down his decision yesterday upholding the will of Henry W. Bookstaver, who was a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Justice Bookstaver directed that his wife receive the income from all his estate, valued at about \$100,000, and that if she needed more she could draw on the principal. On her death, he directed, his daughter May Aletta Knoblach was to receive the income of a trust fund of \$50,000, with reversion to her children. Should she die childless the \$50,000 was to go to Rutgers College. All the residuary estate was also to go to Rutgers College on the death of Mrs. Bookstaver.

Justice O'Gorman says that the will does not conflict with the law of 1890 prohibiting any married man from bequeathing more than half his estate to any charitable or religious institution if a child or wife survive him.

UNION FERRY RAISES RATES.

No More One Cent Fares and Tolls for Vehicles Put Up.

The Union Ferry Company, which runs five ferries between Manhattan and Brooklyn, will charge two cents instead of one cent in the rush hours hereafter and will no longer sell seventeen tickets for 25 cents. The tolls for wagons, carriages and automobiles have also been increased. The company has issued this statement:

The company has operated the ferries for several years at great disadvantage. The raising of the bridge, free passenger service there for through riders, the opening of the tunnel and the increase in wages and operating expenses have all combined to reduce the income to a point where it is no longer possible to operate the ferries. A fair trial has been given and proved this conclusively. The tariff of the company under these adverse conditions has remained unreasonably low, and the time has now come for a readjustment of the same if the ferries are to continue. The company has therefore been forced to increase the rates—notice of which has been given—since rates are not excessive and compare favorably with those charged by other ferries.

MRS. E. H. COLGATE TOWED AGAIN.

Engaged to the Rev. Henry B. Washburn of Worcester, Mass., April 11.—Announcement was made to-day of the engagement of the Rev. Henry Bradford Washburn of Worcester to Mrs. Edith Hall Colgate of New York city. No statement beyond the bare announcement would be given out at the Washburn mansion to-night. The Rev. Dr. Washburn is a member of the family of that name that made millions in the steel industry under the name of Washburn & Moen.

Washington Society Notes.
WASHINGTON, April 11.—Mrs. Cowles, wife of Rear Admiral Cowles and sister of the President, entertained at a tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Humphry Ward of England and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who is her house guest. A large number of diplomatic and official people took advantage of this opportunity to meet the distinguished English novelist and of refresh their acquaintance with the wife of the Ambassador to Great Britain. The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternberg left Washington to-day for their postcard visit to New York. They will remain there for a week. Mrs. Chatter entertained a company at luncheon to-day in honor of Mrs. George W. Gray of Delaware, who is the guest of Mrs. and Mr. Haskins at the National Soldiers' Home.

Mrs. Grant Watson, wife of the third secretary of the British Embassy, left Washington for New York, where she will spend a week before returning home for the summer. Mrs. Watson will join her next week and they will sail on April 16.

News of Plays and Players.

Messrs. Shubert and Anderson have just secured for the Hippodrome a new thing. On Monday, April 20, they will present for the first time in this country Orpheus, the Hindu mystery. The performer makes his entrance upon the stage and seats himself at a piano. The instrument and player both arise and float through the air, swaying from side to side and revolving. Orpheus plays all the music and no visible support to piano or player is shown. The act was secured by the foreign agents of the Hippodrome. It will be the first appearance of the act not only in America but anywhere. Orpheus, Joseph Gayne and Miss Alexandra Carlisle, the latter of whom is now playing in the sumptuous Beethoven Tree production of "The Merchant of Venice," will be the opening attraction at the Grand Theatre next season in "The Hindu Mystery," the play which is now established as a great success at the St. James's Theatre, London.

Miss Billie Burke will be the opening attraction at the Lyceum Theatre, New York. Miss Burke will make her appearance in "Love Matches," a comedy from the French.

Gadski to Sing at Hebrew Charity Benefit.

The United Hebrew Charities have found it necessary to raise at least \$10,000 to enable them to continue their work. For this purpose a benefit will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House on the evening of April 26, consisting of a musical and a dramatic performance. The musicians who will appear are Mme. Gadski, Miss Estelle Lieblich, Vladimir de Pachman, Miss Maude Powell and Miss Muckle. The dramatic numbers have not been announced, but will consist of parts of current plays. M. E. Applebaum, 2 Rector street, who has charge of the sale of tickets and boxes, has already received subscriptions from several prominent society people.

Consumers Electric Company Fails.

NEW ORLEANS, April 11.—With obligations of \$1,500,000 the Consumers Electric Company to-day was put in the hands of Samuel Insull, president of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago, as receiver, following proceedings brought by the National Conduit Cable Company of New York, holder of \$1,500,000 mortgage bonds. The company was organized three years ago with Jules Dryfus as president. The amount of indebtedness is proving greater than the company can handle alone. There is a floating indebtedness of \$150,000 in addition to the bonds.

Col. Roebing to Wed on April 21 or 22.

TRENTON, N. J., April 11.—Col. Washington A. Roebing told his friends to-day that his marriage to Mrs. Corinne Farrow of Charleston, S. C., would take place on either April 21 or April 22 at the home of Frederick Crane at 22, Mass. Mr. Crane, who is a relative of ex-Gov. Crane of Massachusetts, is a close friend of Col. Roebing. Only the immediate families of Col. Roebing and Mrs. Farrow will attend the wedding.

Delta Phi Convention Dinner.

The eightieth annual convention of the Delta Phi fraternity wound up last night with a dinner at the Hotel Astor. James Duane of Indianapolis presided and Congressman Joseph E. Ragsdale, Prof. William Granville of the Sheffield scientific school at Yale, Albert C. Ritchie of Baltimore, the Rev. Dr. W. H. S. Demarest, the president of Rutgers and George Quintard Horwitz of Philadelphia, were among the speakers.

GREEK PLAYERS ARE COMING

EXPECTED IN NEW YORK THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

One of the last described as the Most Beautiful Woman in Greece—The Tour With the Old Greek Plays Designed to Last for Three Years If Successful.

The project to bring over Prof. Mistralli's company of student players from the University of Athens in a repertory of the classic Greek drama, mentioned in THE SUN already, has now assumed tangible form. Arnold Kruckman, one of the promoters of the enterprise, will shortly close a contract for the use of Carnegie Hall the first week in November, when the troupe will open a three years engagement in this country.

Franklin H. Sargent, president of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, leaves for Athens some time in May to join the chorus, while Walter Damrosch has consented to conduct the music and to drill the chorus on this side of the water. The players are almost all students in the University of Athens. The chorus, which consists of ten men and ten women, are all students, while among those who have speaking parts the protagonist is Prof. Kyparissis, Ph. D. (Berlin) of the department of archeology in the university. Prof. Kyparissis's wife, who is known as the most beautiful woman in Greece, will also appear in the cast, which is made up of five men and five women. Mme. Pappa, who will play the leading female parts, is the wife of the editor of the *Hellenic World*, and the daughter of the Vice-Governor of Greece. Of the other members of the cast one is an author, one an actor-manager, and the rest are teachers in Grecian high schools and colleges.

Although the players look upon their American tour as an educational mission and so have refused to take any higher salary than barely enough to pay their travelling expenses the cost of their importation is nevertheless going to be heavy. It is estimated that \$20,000 must be raised to start with and that the receipts from performances must come to \$1,000 a week at least in order to make both ends meet. Of the initial \$20,000 all but \$5,000 has been raised, and \$10,000 is in the form of a guarantee fund anonymously given under the condition that a sufficient number of colleges ask for bookings to make the undertaking worth while. Several colleges are now negotiating with Mr. Kruckman for the appearance of the players.

The company has already a guarantee of \$5,000 to cover the expenses of a trip to the Pacific Coast, where it will play at Berkeley, Leland Stanford and California universities. This journey will be made after a tour among the New England colleges and the larger cities and institutions of learning in the West and Northwest. From California the players will jump to Canada and thence to New Orleans, where they will embark for Buenos Ayres. John Barrett, head of the International Bureau of American Republics, can arrange a South American trip for them. The whole itinerary will take three years.

Whenever it is possible the plays will be given in the open air and the players will depart from the ancient stage usages only in the employment of women to enact the female parts. At the end of the three years tour if the enterprise shall have made any money a substantial percentage will be turned over to the American School at Athens.

The New York engagement of the players, which will commence in the early part of November, is already assured of success. Among those who have allowed their names to appear on the board of honorary directors and who will stand sponsors for the initial appearance of the players in this city are: Leonard D. Abbott, Prof. Charles Sprague Smith, President E. A. Alderman of the University of Virginia; David Warfield, D. Botass, Consul-General of Greece at New York; B. O. Flower, Mr. Danforth, Prof. James H. Wheeler of Columbia, chairman of the managing committee of the American School at Athens; P. Hall, President of the Hellenic League; Seth Low, Bishop Potter, Arthur Farwell, president of the American Music Society; Walter H. Finley, Sir Caspar Purdon Clarke, Prof. Edward Johnston of the classical department of Columbia; President Fred W. Atkinson of the Polytechnic Institute; Dr. Edward Jewett Wheeler, S. J. Barrows and many prominent Greeks. The project has also received the endorsement of the Vagabond's Club.

LETTER CARRIER ARRESTED.

Persons Off Fifth Avenue Accuse Him of Robbing Mails.

Henry M. Griest of Whitestone Landing, L. I., who has been a letter carrier in this city for nine years, was arrested on his route last night by Post Office Inspectors Meyer and Jacobs, who charge him with having robbed the mails. Griest was attached to Station F, at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue, and persons on his route in Thirtieth and Thirty-first streets. He was charged with having complained of lost mail. On Friday the inspectors put into Griest's delivery package two decoy letters, each containing four marked one dollar bills. The inspectors say that the letters ought to have been delivered on Friday night, but they weren't. Yesterday morning they put three more marked bills among Griest's mail. They waited until he had passed the avenue and the letters were directed, and then when it wasn't delivered they arrested him. The inspectors say they found on him the letter mailed yesterday morning and also three of the eight marked bills that were put in Friday's letters. Griest denied that he had tampered with the mail and said that he got the \$3 for some some chickens which he had brought from his little farm at Whitestone Landing. Among those who complained of having lost letters was P. T. Sherman, former Labor Commissioner, of 120 East Thirty-first street.

Dinner and Musicals at the White House.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A large dinner, followed by a musical, was given by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House to-night. The dinner guests were the Russian Ambassador, the Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Bacon, Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. James, Lieutenant-Commander and Mme. de Bianchi, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mme. de Marées Van Swinderen, Mr. and Mrs. Humphry Ward, Major and Mrs. William Austin Smith, Mrs. Wallingford, Mrs. Lowndes, Mr. von Stumm and Capt. Sherwood A. Cheney. After dinner Miss Carrie Schaeffer of Holland, violinist, played several old Dutch folk songs and piano accompaniment. Miss Schaeffer wore the native peasant costume.

One Pupil Left and There Wasn't Any School.

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., April 11.—After being in session two years, with an attendance of only one pupil, what may well be called the smallest school in the world, located in Sampson, closed to-day. The one pupil will be sent to a New Auburn school and his tuition will be paid by the school board.

Weber-McNair.

The wedding of Miss Gladys McNair and Charles H. Weber of Baltimore, Md., took place last evening at St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church in the city. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Lloyd performed the ceremony at 7 o'clock and the bride wore a gown of white satin trimmed with ivory lace. Miss Augusta Weber, sister of the bridegroom, attended her as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Stuart McNair and Gordon McNair, brothers of the bride, and Misses Mary and Helen McNair. John Taylor McNair, the bride's parents, gave a reception and supper at their home in Addison Hall, 1574 street, and Riverside drive.

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IN SOCIETY.

The wedding of Augustus D. Shepard, Jr., of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Shepard and nephew of the late Elliott F. Shepard, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Baxter Rees, will take place on April 23 at noon in All Souls' Church, Biltmore, N. C. Mr. Shepard's New York attendants will include Burritt H. Shepard, who will be the best man; Osborn W. Bright, Henry S. Thompson, Dave Hennen Morris, Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, John W. Stearns, Jr., and Alfred R. Whitney, Jr., and Harold B. Rees of Biltmore. Mrs. Osborn W. Bright of New York will be the matron of honor, Miss Rita Rees maid of honor and Miss Edith H. Small second maid. All of the New York attendants and guests going on for the wedding will be conveyed on a special train on April 17.

Pedro R. de Florez sailed last Wednesday for France. He went to join Mrs. de Florez and the Misses de Florez, who have an apartment in Paris. Mr. de Florez will return to New York with his family in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Edwards Gates, Jr., after their honeymoon will reside at 20 East Twenty-seventh street.

Miss Ruth L. Eaton will give her bridesmaids' dinner on April 29 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley L. Eaton, 40 West Twenty-third street. Her guests will include the Misses Alice Demarest and Helen Smythe of this city, Margery Lawrence of Flushing, L. I., Mrs. Frank L. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Morgan Cowperthwaite and Mrs. Nathaniel F. Moore, who are to be her attendants. Eltinge Warner, Jr., whose marriage with Miss Eaton is to take place on Saturday afternoon, May 2, in the Brick Presbyterian Church, will give his bachelor dinner also on April 29 at the Princeton Club, when his guests will include Raymond D. Little, Walter B. Eaton, Frank L. Schoonmaker, Morgan Cowperthwaite, all of New York, Beale C. Wright, Joseph H. Cotton and Arthur D. Hayes of Boston and Frederick Husey of Pittsburgh.

Prince Kretzulesco was one of the guests of Mrs. N. Schenck Collins at a dinner she gave on Thursday night at the Plaza. Count and Countess Carner, who have been at the Belmont of late, will perform the duties Tuesday before their departure for Europe on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goelet and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drevel and William Hyde Neilson are among those who have returned to their homes here in the past week after staying at Atlantic City. Very crowded at the season, for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Drevel and Mr. Neilson are to sail soon for Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry and the Misses Gerry sail at once now for Europe and will meet Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gerry in Paris.

The wedding of Miss Mildred Barnes and Robert Woods Bliss will be celebrated at noon on Tuesday in the chantry of Grace Church. The Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington will perform the ceremony. The bride will be given away by her mother, Mrs. William H. Bliss. There will be no bridesmaids or ushers. After the church ceremony Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bliss will give a bridal breakfast at their home, 6 East Sixty-fifth street, for the relatives and intimate friends. Late this month or early in May Mr. Bliss and his bride will leave for Brussels, where Mr. Bliss is Secretary of the American Legation. He is a Harvard graduate of the class of 1900.

One of the out of town weddings of the week will be that of Miss Nancy Morgan and Paul Tabb, a young lawyer of Hampton, Va., and a son of the late Col. Thomas Tabb, to be celebrated next Wednesday, at the bride's home at Aberdeen, Md.

Mrs. Henry Vincent Higgins, who came over from England to attend the wedding of her son, William L. Vincent Breeze, with Julia Keen Fish, sailed for her home in London last Tuesday. Mrs. Higgins was constantly entertained while here. At the last opera night she was with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd S. Bryce in their box at the Metropolitan.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is still at her town residence, Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt at

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tended some dinners at Washington last week. Alfred G. Vanderbilt is now in London and he retains an apartment at the Plaza. Mr. and Mrs. M. Vanderbilt, Jr., are well pleased with their beautiful new house here and have given some dinners at the Plaza and the Knickerbocker. Harold S. Vanderbilt is studying up railroad business at the Grand Central, as others of the family have done heretofore. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt are soon to start for Europe for a brief stay. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Vanderbilt will entertain a week end Easter house party at their country place at Hyde Park. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt are expected soon to return to this side. They are to be the guests of Preston Gibson for the last part of the racing season at Washington.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Margherita Wheeler Gray and Henry Augustus Taylor, to take place at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street, on Thursday afternoon, April 30. The Rev. Herbert Shipman, rector of the church, will perform the ceremony at 4 o'clock. The couple will be attended by her cousin, Miss Margaretta M. Lowther, as maid of honor and by the Misses Clara G. Lowther and Katherine Meyer, also cousins, Sally M. Crane and Henrietta Taylor, as bridesmaids. Rose F. Gates of Derby, Conn., will assist as best man, and George Greer of Rye, N. Y., and Edwin B. Strang of Ridgewood, N. J., George W. Miles of Boston, cousins of the bridegroom, Robert C. Waller and George W. Miles of Boston will be ushers. Afterward the bride's mother, Mrs. Thomas J. Egbert of 8 West Seventy-fourth street, will give a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphry Ward have been entertained considerably since their arrival. At Philadelphia they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertram Lippincott at Logan Station. The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce have given them a dinner in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Ward, who remain at the capital until Tuesday, were chief guests at a musicale given by Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House last night.

Lenten days have been anything but dull at Washington, members of the Diplomatic Corps having kept up a series of affairs. Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean will give one of their big luncheons to-day at Friendship, their country place in the suburbs. If the weather permits the tables will be scattered about on the terraces. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard will remain for some little time after Easter at their Washington house before they return to their Tuxedo cottage. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont will go abroad as usual for the summer. They retain an apartment here at the Plaza.

A wedding of interest on Tuesday, April 21, will be that of Mrs. Corinne Farrow of Charleston, S. C., and Col. Washington A. Roebing of Trenton, N. J., which will take place at the home of Mrs. Frederick G. Crane at Dalton in the Berkshires. Relatives and intimate friends will go on for the occasion.

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Exceptional Values for Monday

Misses' Tailor-made Suits, Entirely New Model, of plain serges, shadow striped panamas and grey worsted materials, taffeta silk lined, 14 and 16 yrs., Value \$30.00, \$21.50
Misses' Junior Suits, Double-breasted Model, of fancy shadow striped serges, silk lined, full pleated skirt with fold, 12 to 16 yrs., Value \$32.50, 24.50
Girls' Reefers, of plain cloths and shepherd checks, silk collar, three large buttons in front,